



The Prophet ﷺ said, "The example of the believer is that of a plant that the winds do not cease to sway. [Likewise], afflictions do not cease to strike the believer. The example of the hypocrite is that of a pine tree. It is not shaken until it is uprooted" [Reported by Muslim from Abū Hurayrah].

The Prophet ﷺ said, "Great reward comes with great affliction. If Allah ﷻ loves a people, He strikes them with affliction. Whoever is pleased then will have the pleasure [of Allah]. And whoever is angered then will have the anger [of Allah]" [Reported by at-Tirmidhī from Anas].

He ﷺ also said, "Whomever Allah wants good for, He strikes with affliction" [Reported by al-Bukhārī from Abū Hurayrah].

He ﷺ also said, "Nothing afflicts the believer of tiredness, illness, worry, sorrow, harm, anguish, and even a thorn he is pricked by, except that Allah pardons thereby some of his sins" [Reported by al-Bukhārī from Abū Hurayrah and Abū Sa'īd al-Khudrī].

He ﷺ also said, "Afflictions do not cease to strike the believer in his children and wealth until he meets Allah ﷻ having no sins" [Reported by at-Tirmidhī from Abū Hurayrah].

**IF YOU ARE IN PAIN THAN SURELY,
THEY TOO ARE IN PAIN**

THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO PURSUE THE ENEMY DESPITE INJURIES

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

﴿وَلَا تَهِنُوا فِي ابْتِغَاءِ الْقَوْمِ إِنْ تَكُونُوا تَأْلُمُونَ فَإِنَّهُمْ يَأْلُمُونَ كَمَا تَأْلُمُونَ وَتَرْجُونَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَرْجُونَ
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا﴾

And don't be weak in the pursuit of the enemy; if you are suffering (hardships) then surely, they (too) are suffering (hardships) as you are suffering, but you have a hope from Allah (for the reward, i.e., Paradise) that for which they hope not; and Allah is Ever All-Knowing, All-Wise.
(Surah An Nisa 4:104)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

﴿وَلَا تَهِنُوا فِي ابْتِغَاءِ الْقَوْمِ﴾
(And don't be weak in the pursuit of the enemy;)

means, do not weaken your resolve in pursuit of your enemy. Rather, pursue them vigorously, fight them and be wary of them.

﴿إِنْ تَكُونُوا تَأْلُمُونَ فَإِنَّهُمْ يَأْلُمُونَ كَمَا تَأْلُمُونَ﴾
(if you are suffering then surely, they are suffering as you are suffering)

meaning, just as you suffer from injuries and death, the same happens to the enemy. In another Ayah,

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

﴿إِنْ يَمْسَسْكُمْ قَرْحٌ فَقَدْ مَسَّ الْقَوْمَ قَرْحٌ مِّثْلُهُ﴾

(If you suffer a harm, be sure a similar harm has struck the others)
(Surah Ale Imran 3:140)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then says:

﴿وَتَرْجُونَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَرْجُونَ﴾

(but you have a hope from Allah that for which they hope not)

meaning, you and they are equal regarding the injuries and pain that you suffer from. However, you hope for Allah's reward, victory and aid, just as He has promised you in His Book and by the words of his Messenger. Surely, Allah's promise is true. On the other hand, your enemies do not have hope for any of this. So, it is you, not they, who should be eager to fight so that you establish the Word of Allah and raise it high.

﴿وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيماً حَكِيماً﴾

(And Allah is Ever All-Knowing, All-Wise)

means, He is most knowledgeable and wise in all what He decides, decrees, wills and acts on concerning various worldly and religious ordainments, and He is worthy of praise in all conditions.

(Taken from Tafsir Ibn Kathir Surah An Nisa 4:104)